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# RECORDS

OF

SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

# WILLIAM CURTIS,

ROXBURY, 1632.

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## WILLIAM CURTIS.

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*William Curtis* In the Ship Lyon, which arrived in Boston, Sunday, September 16, 1632, came William Curtis, with his wife and four children. In the same ship came William Heath and Daniel Brewer, and all three settled in Roxbury, William Curtis on Stony river.

In the earliest Records of Roxbury was a list of "Ye estates of the Inhabitants of Roxbury." There is no date to this list, but it was between 1634 and 1643. In it are the names of the families of William Curtis with thirteen persons in his family; forty acres of land, estate eight—probably pounds sterling. Also John Corteis, with five persons in family. William Curtis appears to be the largest land-holder in this list, which contains fifty-three names; but there is another list of about a dozen larger land-holders, among whom are Dudley, Weld, Gore and Heath. Curtis is spelled in various ways in the old records, as was the case with most other names. In one of Shakespere's plays it is spelled Curtis, which is good authority.\*

Roxbury was settled by a party under the direction of William Pynchon, from the company who came with Winthrop, in 1630. They were mostly from London and its vicinity, and a few from the West of England. It is supposed by some that William Curtis came from London, by others from Warwickshire. The birth of his youngest son, Isaac, is in the Town Records, 1642, ten years after their arrival. It is not known whether Mary was married. The marriages of his daughters Elizabeth and Hannah are on record, but not their births. John and Philip settled

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\* There is a family in Stratford, Conn., the first comer of which is said to have been a brother of our William Curtis, and that they came over together in 1632, from Stratford, in Warwickshire, England. As the great poet lived there from 1564 to 1616, it is possible that he was a fellow townsman and acquaintance of these brothers, and so took their name for one of the characters in "The Taming of the Shrew."

on Stony brook, near their father. John was a farmer, but also in mercantile business, for there is a paper extant relative to a consignment of goods from a London merchant to John Curtis, Ephraim Crafts and Isaac Curtis. Isaac was Collector of Taxes for many years. In his will, still extant, and written on parchment, he is styled gentleman. All the Curtises in Roxbury are his descendants. Those of John and Philip are scattered through other States.

The house built by William Curtis, on Stony brook, is yet standing in good preservation. It is occupied by a lineal descendant in the sixth generation, Mr. Isaac Curtis. It stands near the Boylston Station, on the west side of the Boston and Providence Railroad, under the shadow of a large elm, and near it is the spring of water used by the family for more than two hundred years. The family tradition is that the house was built of timber cut upon the ground, and that it was the second house built here by William Curtis, which seems to be confirmed by the following extract from the Records of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. I. p. 252. "William Curtis had leave to build upon his lot, his other dwelling being seated so inconveniently. March 13, 1638-9."

In 1669, William Curtis made over the homestead to his son Isaac, then twenty-seven years old, on condition that he and his wife should have a comfortable support from the estate during their lives. This deed is still extant. William Curtis died December 8, 1672, aged 80. Sarah Curtis died March 22, 1673, aged 73.

#### CHILDREN, SECOND GENERATION.

I.	WILLIAM,	} born in England.	1
II.	THOMAS,		2
III.	MARY,		3
IV.	JOHN,		4
V.	PHILIP,	born in Roxbury.	5
VI.	HANNAH,	" " " m. William Cary, 1651.	6
VII.	ELIZABETH,	" " " m. Isaac Newhall, 1659.	7
VIII.	ISAAC, b. 1642.		8

In the Records of the First Church of Roxburrough, may be found the following notice of William Curtis, Jr. "William, his eldest son, was a hopeful scholar, but God took him in the end of the year 1634."

4. JOHN CURTIS, 3d son of William, married, December 26, 1661, Rebecca Wheeler, daughter of Thomas Wheeler, of Boston.

"Boston Records, February 25, 1675.

"This Court doe order John Curtice of Roxbury, to be a guide to the forces now going forth, and he is impowered to take sixe Indians from the island for his assistance, with their armes, some of which Indians may be improved for spies, as the commander in cheife shall appoint."

#### CHILDREN, THIRD GENERATION.

I. JOHN,	Births not recorded, baptism recorded December 14th, 1672.	9
II. THOMAS,		10
III. JONATHAN,		11
IV. REBECCA,		12

5. PHILIP CURTIS, 4th son of William, married, October 20, 1658, Obedience Holland. The Boston Records, 1657, have the following: "Philip Curtis to be paid 20<sup>0</sup> for killing a wolf at Muddy river last winter."

This Philip Curtis was a Lieutenant in Captain Henchman's company, and was slain by the Indians, with several others, in an expedition which left Boston November 1, 1675, for the rescue of some captives taken by the Savages at the town of Marlborough. The captives were recovered, but in an assault upon an Indian camp at Hassanomossett (now Grafton), led by Lieut. Curtis, he was killed.

#### CHILDREN, THIRD GENERATION.

I. SARAH,	b. Aug. 24, 1659 ; d. young.	13
II. PHILIP,	b. Sept. 8, 1660 ; d. 1669.	14
III. ABIGAIL,	b. Nov. 17, 1662 ; d. 1665.	15
IV. JOSEPH,	b. March 14, 1664 ; d. 1690.	16
V. ABIGAIL,	b. April 1, 1666.	17
VI. JOSIAH,	b. March 18, 1667.	18
VII. HOLLAND,	b. Aug. 13, 1671.	19
VIII. WILLIAM,	b. March 2, 1673.	20
IX. ABIEL,	b. March 2, 1675 ; m. John Beacon 1693.	21

8. ISAAC CURTIS, youngest son of William and Sarah Curtis, born 1642; married, in 1670, Hannah Poly, of Roxbury. He lived in the old homestead on Stony brook, and left it to his son Isaac. He died May 31, 1695. Wife died February 6, 1720.

## DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM CURTIS.

## CHILDREN, THIRD GENERATION.

I.	ISAAC,	b. 1671; d. young.	22
II.	HANNAH,	b. 1672; m. Samuel Blake, 1712.	23
III.	EBENEZER,	d. young.	24
IV.	SAMUEL,	d. young.	25
V.	SARAH,	b. 1679; m. Joseph Harkness, 1709.	26
VI.	SUSANNA,	b. 1680; m. Daniel Whitney, 1704.	27
VII.	MARY,	d. young.	28
VIII.	MEHITABLE,	b. 1684.	29
IX.	ISAAC, 2d,	b. 1685.	30
X.	SAMUEL, 2d,	b. 1688.	31

30. ISAAC CURTIS, 2d, born 1685; married, April 17, 1727, Mehitable Crafts. When quite a youth he called at the house of Mr. Crafts. His future wife was in the cradle in the room. Mrs. Crafts said, in the course of conversation, Mr. Curtis, why don't you get married? He replied, "Madam, I will wait for your little daughter;" and what was spoken in jest, proved true.

*Fourth*  
CHILDREN, ~~THIRD~~ GENERATION.

I.	ISAAC,	b. April 26, 1728; d. young.	32
II.	ISAAC,	b. d. 1730.	33
III.	ISAAC, 3d,	b. 1732.	34
IV.	EBENEZER,	b. Jan. 26, 1734.	35
V.	HANNAH,	b. Jan. 29, 1736; m. Jere. Gore, 1768.	36
VI.	NATHANIEL,	b. Aug. 6, 1738.	37
VII.	PATIENCE,	b. May 28, 1740; m. Peleg Heath, 1768.	38
VIII.	JOHN,	b. Nov. 25, 1742.	39
IX.	REBECCA,	b. May 28, 1744; m. Joseph Ruggles, 1765.	40

31. SAMUEL CURTIS, youngest son of Isaac Curtis, born in Roxbury, 1688; married Hannah Gore, of Roxbury, 1711. He was a shoemaker by trade, and served his time in Boston. In 1712, he purchased twenty acres of land on Jamaica Plain, bordering on the pond, and in 1722 he built the house now standing on the premises, and occupied by his great-grandson Joseph Curtis. In 1731, he bought five acres, and in 1738, six acres more, joining his first purchase. Samuel Curtis died in 1772, aged 84 years. His wife died in 1775, aged 88 years.

*Fourth*  
CHILDREN, ~~THIRD~~ GENERATION.

I.	SAMUEL,	b. 1712; d. 1733.	41
II.	HANNAH,	b. 1713; d. 1733.	42
III.	PHILIP,	b. 1716; d. young.	43

IV.	PHILIP,	2d,	b. 1717.	44
V.	MARY,		b. 1720.	45
VI.	JOSEPH,	{		46
VII.	BENJAMIN,		twins, b. 1722.	47
VIII.	OBADIAH,		b. 1724.	48
IX.	WILLIAM,		b. 1726; d. young.	49
X.	ELIZA,		b. 1728; d. 1734.	50
XI.	WILLIAM,	2d,	b. 1730.	51

34. ISAAC CURTIS, 3d, born 1732; married Anna Heath, November 15, 1758. He died January 29, 1776, aged 45. Wife died June 12, 1799, aged 64. He left his estate to his son Isaac, according to the custom of the family.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I.	ELIZABETH,	b. Aug.	29, 1760 ; m. Nathaniel Brewer, 1788 ; d. 1827.	52
II.	MEHITABLE,	b. Nov.	10, 1762.	53
III.	ANNA,	b. June	18, 1764 ; m. Sam. Blaney.	54
IV.	SUSANNA,	b. April	17, 1766 ; m. Wm. McCarthy ; d. 1827.	55
V.	ISAAC,	b. Dec.	2, 1767.	56
VI.	SARAH,	b. Oct.	16, 1769 ; d. young.	57
VII.	JOHN,	b. Aug.	3, 1771.	58
VIII.	SARAH,	b. April	19, 1773.	59
IX.	HANNAH.	b.	1775.	60

44. PHILIP CURTIS, born 1717, Harvard College 1738. Kept school in Dorchester, and studied Divinity with Rev. Mr. Bowman, of that town. Settled in Sharon, 1742; married, in 1744, Eliza Bass, of Newburyport. Second wife, Eliza Randall,<sup>1754</sup> of Sharon. He preached to the age of eighty (fifty-five years) without the use of spectacles. His salary was £60 in money, the use of a meadow, and his wood. Upon this stipend, and a small farm of his own, he brought up a large family, and liberally educated one son. During the war he opened a free school for the parish. Besides this, he fitted students for college, and the Hon. Christopher Gore was one of his pupils. After the war, his people proposed to build a new church, and he gave one quarter's salary, with the right of way through his farm, that a nearer road might be opened to the church. Mr. Curtis baptized 926 persons, buried 403, and married 313 couples, during his ministry. Rev. Philip Curtis died in 1797, aged 81. Mrs. Eliza Curtis died November 11, 1823, aged 91.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I.	SAMUEL,	b. 1746; d. young.	61
II.	SAMUEL, 2d,	b. 1747.	62
III.	HANNAH,	b. 1748; m. James Porter, 1777; d. 1805.	63
IV.	ELIZABETH,	b. 1750; m. Nathaniel Curtis, son of Isaac Curtis, 2d, 1770.	64
V.	MARY,	} twins, b. 1752; m. George Ferguson, 1774.	65
VI.	SUSANNA,		66
VII.	PHILIP,	b. 1755.	67
VIII.	OLIVER,	b. 1757.	68
IX.	EDWARD,	b. 1758.	69
X.	CALVIN,	b. 1762.	70
XI.	FRANCIS,	b. 1768.	71

37. NATHANIEL CURTIS, son of Isaac Curtis, 2d, born 1738; married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Philip Curtis, Dec. 5, 1770, and settled in Boston.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I.	ELIZA,	b. Oct. 27, 1771; d. 1797.	72
II.	NATHANIEL,	b. Feb. 4, 1773; d. young.	73
III.	NATHANIEL,	b. March 17, 1774.	74
IV.	HENRY BASS,	b. Dec. 17, 1775.	75
V.	CHARLES,	b. Aug. 11, 1777.	76
VI.	MARY,	b. Sept. 9, 1779; m. Randolph Goodwin, of Dresden, Me.	77
VII.	THOMAS,	b. July 9, 1781; d. at Surinam, 1801.	78
VIII.	JAMES,	b. March, 29, 1783.	79
IX.	PATTY,	b. Nov. 27, 1784.	80
X.	GEORGE,	b. Feb. 25, 1787; d. at Caracas, 1831.	81
XI.	MATILDA,	b. Aug. 30, 1788.	82
XII.	RUFUS,	b. June 1, 1790.	83
XIII.	CALEB,	b. Feb. 11, 1792.	84

45. MARY CURTIS, daughter of Samuel Curtis, born 1720; married Joshua Loring, of Roxbury. He learned the tanner's trade, but when of age he went to sea. Was promoted to a command on the lakes in the old French war, where he was wounded, and retired on half pay. In 1760, he built an elegant house on Jamaica Plain, which was confiscated during the Revolutionary War, he having adhered to the Royal cause. This house is still standing, and is owned by the Greenough family.

Being one of the King's Mandamus Counsellors, he was closely watched by the people. About the time of the battle of Lexing

ton, he mounted his horse one morning at Jamaica Plain, and pistol in hand rode to Boston, on the way only stopping to answer an old friend, who asked, "Are you going, Commodore?" "Yes," he replied, "I have always eaten the King's bread, and I always mean to." He received a pension from the crown, and died in England, as did also his wife, at the age of eighty.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

- I. HANNAH LORING, married Joshua Winslow, a Boston Tory, and removed to Halifax at the evacuation of Boston. In 1777, when her nephew, Dr. Samuel Curtis, was brought prisoner to Halifax, he wrote to Mrs. Winslow asking for aid in his distressed condition, but she returned no answer, nor did she visit him.
- II. JOSHUA LORING, JR., was Deputy Commissary of American Prisoners in New York, and lived there in great splendor. Was the intimate friend of General Howe, the British Commander in Chief, and was detested by the Americans for his cruelty to them. He married Miss Lloyd, of Boston, in 1769.
- III. BENJAMIN LORING, Harvard College 1772, was a Surgeon in the British army, and died in South Carolina.
- IV. JOSEPH LORING, was an officer in the British navy.
- V. JOHN LORING, was a midshipman in the British navy at the age of fourteen; he was captured early in the war, and there being no place for prisoners of war, was sent to Concord jail. His uncle, Obadiah Curtis, being a well known patriot, was able to procure the transfer of his nephew to the house of Colonel Buckminster, at Framingham, but the boy was so insolent to the neighbors, calling them "rascally rebels," and other bad names, that his kind host was in danger of having his house pulled down, though himself a good patriot. John Loring was exchanged in 1776, and is probably the same man who in 1798, as Captain Loring, in the Carnatic, 74, near Havana, took five men out of the United States Sloop-of-War Baltimore, 20, under the pretence that they were Englishmen. Captain Phillips, of the Baltimore, surrendered his ship to an overpowering force, three 74 gun ships and two frigates, but was dismissed from our service on the ground that he ought to have resisted. This conduct of Capt. Loring was characteristic of his family, who seem to have been very bitter against their countrymen. A similar outrage, a few years later, led to war between England and the United States.

46. JOSEPH CURTIS, son of Samuel, born 1722, lived on his father's place at Jamaica Plain, having bought out the other heirs. He is said to have been the first who sent vegetables to Boston in a waggon, a horse and panniers having been previously used for that purpose. In 1771, he married Catherine Parker (born 1735), who kept a shop of British goods in Boylston street. After the battle of Lexington, Mr. Curtis opened his house and gave quarters to a company of one hundred men from Farmington, Conn., reserving for his own family only his wife's shop, and one chamber. This company was composed of young men of good station, and during the three months that they occupied the house of Mr. Curtis, the most perfect discipline was preserved. There were frequent alarms that the British were coming out from Boston, and one night being suddenly called to arms, every man brought his watch and purse and deposited them with Mrs. Curtis. "Why, what shall I do with them?" she asked. "If we come back," they replied, "we shall know our own; and if we never return, we would rather you should have them than the British." Joseph Curtis died January 28, 1792, aged 70. Mrs. Curtis died June 16, 1802, aged 67.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I.	JOSEPH,	b. 1772.	85
II.	SAMUEL,	b. 1774; d. young.	86
III.	SAMUEL,	b. 1776.	87
IV.	Infant, d. young.		88
V.	KATHERINE,	b. 1797.	89

47. BENJAMIN CURTIS, son of Samuel, twin brother of Joseph; married Abigail Bridge, October 17, 1751. He died February 3, 1773. Wife died July 16, 1773.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I.	BENJAMIN,	b. Sept. 16, 1752.	90
II.	JOHN,	b. Jan. 15, 1754.	91
III.	ABIGAIL,	b. Sept. 4, 1755; d. young.	92
IV.	LEMUEL,	b. Feb. 21, 1758; d. 1776.	93
V.	SAMUEL,	b. April 28, 1761.	94
VI.	THOMAS,	b. March 11, 1763; d. young.	95

48. OBADIAH CURTIS, son of Samuel, born on Jamaica Plain, 1724. He married, first, Miss Crafts, of Brookline, who died within the year. Second wife, Martha, daughter of Joseph

Buckminster, of Framingham, December 28, 1751. She was born in 1726. He was a wheelwright by trade, and settled in Boston after his second marriage, and his wife opened a store at the corner of Rawson's lane (now Bromfield street) and Newbury street, for the sale of British goods, and accumulated a handsome estate. Mr. Curtis afterwards purchased part of the farm in Newton, belonging to his grandson, Samuel Clarke, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their days. They went to Newton about 1807.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were staunch patriots, and he was said to have been one of the "tea party" in 1773. His nephew Philip Curtis was apprenticed to his uncle, and he used to relate that on that memorable 5th of November, he followed the crowd, among whom was his uncle, to Mr. Hancock's house, where they assumed their disguises; that he followed his uncle and the crowd to the wharf, where he saw them board the ship and destroy the tea.

When the expedition against Canada was fitted out under Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis loaned their specie to the Colony, and took their pay in Continental paper. Mr. Curtis became so obnoxious to the British authorities, that he was obliged to remove with his family to Providence, where he remained till after the evacuation of Boston.

In a little work called "Adventures of Ebenezer Fox," published by Charles Fox, Boston, 1848, is the following notice of Obadiah Curtis.

"While at Providence in 1775, in the course of my perambulations, I went into the Market House, and while there, I saw a gentleman who was addressed by the name of Curtis. He was habited according to the fashion of gentlemen of those days; a three-cornered hat, a club wig, a long coat of ample dimensions that appeared to have been made with reference to future growth, breeches with large buckles, and shoes fastened in the same manner, completed his dress. I was induced to make inquiries respecting him, and found that his christian name was Obadiah, and that he had lately removed from Boston to Providence."

Mrs. Curtis, with other shop-keepers of Boston, before the Revolution, entered into an agreement not to buy goods of certain Tory merchants of the town. Some of the shop-keepers were supposed to have violated the agreement, and Mrs. Curtis published an indignant denial that she had done so. The following is from the *Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter*, of Thursday, May 24th, 1770:—

"MR. DRAPER,

"Please insert the following:

"If the piece in Messrs. Edes & Gill's paper of the 21st inst., called 'A Hint to the Wise,' had one Lisp of Truth, it might have been kindly taken, but I do declare it is a groundless, malicious Falsehood, and I challenge the Author to produce one person to say that I have visited the McMasters, or have any dealings or connection with them.

MARTHA CURTIS."

It is said that during the war, pins (which were made in England solely at that period) became so scarce that most women had to use thorns to fasten their dresses. Mrs. Curtis held the whole stock of pins in Boston, and obtained great profits upon them.

Mrs. Curtis died January 11, 1811, aged 85 years.

Obadiah Curtis died November 8, 1811, aged 87.

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#### BUCKMINSTER FAMILY.

1. THOMAS BUCKMINSTER, or BUCKMASTER, which was the original name, being taken from the office of keeper of the King's Deer, came from Wales to America in 1640.

2. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER lived in Roxbury in 1648, on the place since occupied by his descendant, Mrs. Thomas Lee.

3. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, 2d, Framingham in 1693, married, for second wife, Martha Dall, of Boston.

4. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, 3d, Framingham 1719, married Sarah Lawson, and had:

I. JOSEPH, Harvard College 1739.

II. MARTHA, b. 1726; m. Obadiah Curtis, 1752.

III. ANNE.

IV. SARAH.

V. WILLIAM, commanded minute men of Barre; was a Colonel at Bunker Hill, where he was severely wounded.

Joseph Buckminster, 3d, died 1780, aged 84 years.

There is a family of Buckmaster in Springfield, Illinois.

For Buckminster Family, see *Records of Descendants of Hugh Clark*, p. 29.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I. ANNA CURTIS,	b. Sept. 18, 1753.	96
II. MARTHA CURTIS,	b. July 20, 1755.	97
III. SARAH CURTIS,	b. 1757; d. Aug. 1, 1829.	98
IV. THOMAS CURTIS.	b. 1759.	99

56. ISAAC CURTIS, 4th, of Roxbury, born 1767; married his cousin, Sally Heath. She died November 27, 1805, aged 27. Second wife, Margaret Bell, August 31, 1809. He died May 11, 1822, aged 55 years.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I. MEHITABLE,	b. 1812.	100
II. SALLY,	b. 1814; m. William Croome, an Artist, and had one daughter, Helen Margaret Croome, b. 1839.	101
III. ISAAC,	b. April 1, 1816.	102

62. SAMUEL CURTIS, eldest son of Rev. Philip Curtis, born 1747. Harvard College 1766. Was a physician at Marlborough, Mass., and there married Mrs. Lydia Dexter. She died December 24, 1774, and her two children the same year. Dr. Curtis, in 1777, went as surgeon in the privateer Boston, Capt. Manley. In their first cruise they were captured by the British Frigate Rainbow, and sent into Halifax, where they were prisoners six months; they were then sent to New York to be put in the Jersey Prison Ship, but they rose on the crew during the voyage, took the vessel and brought her into Salem. In Halifax, when landing, Dr. Curtis saw his aunt Winslow, who lived there, but she took no notice of him, and when he wrote to her for assistance, she did not reply to his letter.

Dr. Curtis married, for 2d wife, Abigail Whitney, of Weston, March 5, 1778. He received a pension in the latter part of his life, and died at Amherst, N. H., April 1, 1822.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I. ANNA,	b. Oct. 5, 1771; d. 1774.	103
II. CHRISTIAN,	b. March 30, 1774; d. in infancy.	104
III. SAMUEL,	b. Feb. 14, 1779.	105
IV. NANCY,	b. March 26, 1780; d. 1784.	106
V. CLARISSA,	b. Nov. 3, 1782; d. 1783.	107
VI. WM. WHITNEY,	b. Jan. 7, 1784; d. 1785.	108
VII. ROBERT,	b. May 10, 1785; d. 1804.	109
VIII. HECTOR MCNEAL,	b. Dec. 28, 1787; d. 1788.	110
IX. ABIGAIL,	b. Nov. 15, 1789; d. 1796.	111

67. PHILIP CURTIS, 2d, born 1755; served two years in the Revolutionary army; married Abigail Johnson, June 23, 1785.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I.	PHILIP,	b. April 15, 1786.	112
II.	THOMAS,	b. Feb. 18, 1788.	113
III.	WILLARD,	b. April 10, 1791; d. in infancy.	114
IV.	OBADIAH,	b. April 5, 1792.	115
V.	ALFRED,	b. Aug. 31, 1793.	116
VI.	NABBY,	b. May 6, 1798; m. Joseph Bryant, of Castine.	117
VII.	RUFUS,	b. April 26, 1800.	118
VIII.	JOHN,	b. Sept. 29, 1802; lost at sea, 1831.	119

68. OLIVER CURTIS, 4th son of Rev. Philip, born 1757. Was in the Revolutionary army one year; married Elizabeth Savil, of Sharon. He died at Worcester, June, 1837.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I.	OLIVER.	120
II.	EDWARD.	121
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69. EDWARD CURTIS, 5th son of Rev. Philip, born 1758; married Mary Marshall, of Boston, September 9, 1787.

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He died March 27, 1807. His wife died Sept. 3, 1834.

71. FRANCIS CURTIS, 7th son of Rev. Philip, born 1768; married Mary Billings, of Sharon. Second wife Lydia Gilbert, 1799. He died October 3, 1828.

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VII.	EZRA,	b. March 17, 1812.	132
VIII.	JOHN,	b. Aug. 14, 1814.	133
IX.	GEORGE,	b. Sept. 3, 1817.	134
X.	Infant.		135
XI.	ALONZO,	b. Aug. 27, 1822.	136

85. JOSEPH CURTIS, 2d, born 1772; married Bethia Allen Parker, of Roxbury, May 27, 1800. He died February 13, 1858, aged 85.

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I.	CATHERINE PARKER,	b. May 13, 1801.	137
II.	JOSEPH,	b. Jan. 2, 1803.	138
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IV.	HERMAN,	b. Nov. 5, 1806.	140
V.	GEORGE,	b. April 11, 1809.	141

90. BENJAMIN CURTIS, 2d, born 1752, at Roxbury; Harvard College 1771. Studied medicine and settled in Boston. Married Eliza Billings, of Sharon. Died in Boston, November 26, 1784.

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I.	ELIZABETH,	m. William H. Woodward, 1802.	142
II.	HARRIET,	d. unmarried, 1803.	143
III.	BENJAMIN.		144
IV.	GUSTAVUS,	d. at sea.	145

Mrs. Eliza Curtis married, in 1791, Elisha Ticknor, of Boston, and had:

## I. GEORGE TICKNOR, b. 1792.

91. JOHN CURTIS, second son of Benjamin, born at Roxbury, 1754; married Hannah Dean, of Dedham. He died, 1793. Wife died, 1824.

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I.	ABIGAIL BRIDGE,	b. Feb. 7, 1780 ; m. John Weld, of Roxbury, 1807.	146
II.	JOHN,	b. Aug. 3, 1781.	147
III.	THOMAS,	b. April 12, 1783; m. Eleanor Warren.	148
IV.	MARY HOLMES,	b. March 25, 1785; m. E. J. Robbins.	149
V.	CHARLES,	b. Dec. 25, 1786.	150
VI.	ELIZABETH,	b. Dec. 21, 1787 ; m. E. J. Robbins, 1822.	151

94. SAMUEL CURTIS, fourth son of Benjamin, born 1761; married Sarah Partridge, of Roxbury, 1784. He died January 1, 1821.

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I.	SAMUEL,	b. Oct. 17, 1785.	152
II.	LEMUEL,	b. July 3, 1790; d. 1857.	153
III.	BENJAMIN.		154
IV.	CHARLES,	b. Aug. 4, 1800.	155

58. JOHN CURTIS, son of Isaac Curtis, 3d, born 1771; married Anna Crafts, of Newton, 1804.

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II.	SARAH,	m. Moses Richards, 1825.	157
III.	HARRIET,	m. Willard A. Humphrey, 1833.	158
IV.	MARTHA,	m. Henry W. Carr, 1837.	159

74. NATHANIEL CURTIS, 2d, born in Boston, 1774. Merchant. Married Rosanna Reed, of Boothbay, 1797. Second wife Mrs. Abigail B. Leeds, 1842. Died April 7, 1857, aged 83.

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I.	NATHANIEL,	born at Boothbay, Maine, 1798.	160
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75. HENRY BASS CURTIS, second son of Nathaniel, born 1775; married Elizabeth Fisher, of Canton, October 5, 1800. He died in Boston, 1828, aged 52 years. Wife died in Lowell, July 8, 1859, aged 77.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I.	ELIZABETH,	b. Oct. 4, 1801; d. 1824.	161
II.	HENRY,	b. Aug. 24, 1803.	162
III.	ROSANNA,	b. July 8, 1806; d. 1838.	163
IV.	EMMELINE,	b. April 11, 1808; d. 1809.	164
V.	EMMELINE,	b. Jan. 20, 1810.	165
VI.	HANNAH MARIA,	b. Dec. 21, 1811; m. Dr. Mansfield, of Groton, 1832.	166
VII.	MATILDA COOLIDGE,	b. Sept. 2, 1813.	167
VIII.	MARY BOADMAN,	b. Sept. 2, 1815; d. 1836.	168
IX.	HARRIET,	b. July 2, 1817.	169
X.	CHARLES WILLIAM,	b. June 27, 1819; d. 1821.	170
XI.	HELEN MARTHA,	b. Dec. 28, 1820.	171

76. CHARLES CURTIS, third son of Nathaniel, born 1777; married Anna Nevers, of Burlington, Mass., 1801.  
He died in Boston, August 22, 1819, aged 42.  
Wife Anna died December 24, 1819, aged 37.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I.	ANN, b. July 18, 1802 ; m. Alfred Curtis, 1820 ; d. 1822.	172
II.	MATILDA, b. July 24, 1804 ; m. Thomas C. Green- low, 1827.	173
III.	CHARLES, b. July 3, 1806 ; lost at sea, 1831.	174
IV.	MARIA ELIZABETH, b. April 17, 1808 ; d. 1809.	175
V.	MARIA, b. Mar. 11, 1810 ; m. Joseph H. Curtis, 1832.	176
VI.	MARTHA, b. Feb. 24, 1812 ; m. Thomas M. An- drews, 1831.	177
VII.	GEORGE JAMES, b. Feb. 25, 1814.	178
VIII.	CALEB THOMAS, b. Dec. 11, 1815 ; m. Rachel M. Stoddard, Dec. 20, 1852.	179
IX.	SUSAN W., b. Jan. 18, 1818 ; m. Charles G. Bach- elder, Dec. 9, 1841.	180

83. RUFUS CURTIS, son of Nathaniel, born 1790; went to Bristol, Maine, and married Sally Bugbee, of that place.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I.	MARY CHAPMAN, b. Aug. 1824 ; d. 1825.	181
II.	RUFUS CHAPMAN, b. Aug. 1825.	182
III.	SARAH ELIZABETH.	183
IV.	NATHANIEL.	184
V.	JOSEPH, b. Feb. 1832 ; d. 1835.	185

84. CALEB CURTIS, youngest son of Nathaniel, born 1792; married Caroline Matilda Agry, of Hallowell, Maine, 1824.

## CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I.	CAROLINE ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 5, 1825.	186
II.	CALEB AGRY, b. Feb. 19, 1828:	187
III.	ELLEN, b. Dec. 24, 1831.	188

96. ANNA CURTIS, daughter of Obadiah, born 1753, in Boston. She married Rev. Jonathan Homer, of Boston, May 14, 1782. He was born in 1759. Harvard College 1777. Settled over first Church in Newton, 1782, of which he was pas-

tor about sixty years. Was a man of much learning, and eccentricity of character. He died in Newton, August 11, 1843, aged 84 years.

Mrs. Homer was a most devout and benevolent woman, a true saint. It is related that when, during the Revolutionary war, she and her sisters were furnished with new silk dresses, Anna had hers sold, and gave the proceeds to the suffering soldiers. In after life, she would often send away the joint of meat from her own table, untasted, to supply the wants of a poor neighbor. She died in Newton, 1824, aged 71.

#### CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I. JONATHAN HOMER, JR., b. Aug. 20, 1783; Harvard College 1803; d. in Providence, R. I., in 1804, aged 21 years. 189

97. MARTHA CURTIS, daughter of Obadiah, born in Boston 1755; married Samuel Clarke, May 19, 1778. He died Oct. 15, 1780, at his house, No. 20 School street, Boston.

#### CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION.

I. SAMUEL CLARKE, b. Feb. 20, 1779. 190

Mrs. Martha Clarke married, July, 1788, Rev. James Freeman, of Boston. He was born at Truro, Cape Cod, April 22, 1759. Harvard College 1777. Minister of King's Chapel nearly fifty years, where he was the first in America who openly preached Unitarian doctrines. He was a man of very pure and noble character, and much learning and cultivation. He published two volumes of sermons, and contributed many papers to the early volumes of the Massachusetts Historical Society Collections. He died at Newton, without issue, after a long and painful illness, November 12, 1835, aged 77 years. Mrs. Freeman died July 24, 1841, also in Newton, aged 86. Both were buried in the Curtis tomb, old cemetery.

99. THOMAS CURTIS, son of Obadiah, born in Boston, 1759. Was a merchant and ship owner. He married, Jan. 6, 1791, Helena Pelham, daughter of Charles Pelham, of Boston. She was born in 1767, and died in 1812, aged 45.

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II.	THOMAS BUCKMINSTER,	b. Jan. 3, 1795.	192
III.	HENRY PELHAM,	b. 1796; d. in infancy.	193

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VIII.	GEORGE HENRY,	b. Oct. 5, 1802; d. at Havana, June 6, 1829.	198
IX.	HELENA PELHAM,	b. Aug. 18, 1804; d. 1814, aged 10.	199
X.	HELENA PELHAM,	b. April 5, 1815; married Dr. J. H. Dix, of Boston.	200

Thomas Curtis married second wife, Mrs. Frances Loring, of Boston, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Greely, in 1814, and had:

X.	HELENA PELHAM,	b. April 5, 1815; married Dr. J. H. Dix, of Boston.
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Thomas Curtis died November 26, 1823.

Mrs. F. Curtis died January 8, 1850.

51. WILLIAM CURTIS, youngest son of Samuel, born in Roxbury, 1730; married Mary Needhams, of Salem, 1754. Went to Nova Scotia, where he died.

## CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION.

I.	MARY,	b. Sept. 19, 1755; m. John Fenno, of Boston.	201
II.	ISABELLA,	b. Feb. 12, 1758; d. in Nova Scotia.	202
III.	MARGARET,	d. in Boston.	203
IV.	WILLIAM,	went to New York.	204
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102. ISAAC CURTIS, 5th, of Roxbury, born 1816; married Sarah Pierce, November, 1839. He occupies the house built by William Curtis in 1638.

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I.	SARAH HEATH,	b. Aug. 14, 1840.	206
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105. SAMUEL CURTIS, 2d, son of Dr. Samuel Curtis, born 1779; married Nancy Shopard, January, 1805. He died June 29, 1820.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	SAMUEL SHEPARD,	b. April 18, 1806.	209
II.	SHEPARD,	b. Jan. 24, 1808; d. 1810.	210
III.	ANN AUGUSTA,	b. June 18, 1810; d. 1826.	211

112. PHILIP CURTIS, third son of Philip 2d, born 1786; married January 1, 1821, Mary Lincoln, of Boston. He died in Boston, August 20, 1825.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

## I. MARY LINCOLN.

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113. THOMAS CURTIS, son of Philip 2d, born 1788; married his cousin Maria, daughter of Edward Curtis, October 4, 1815.

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I.	ANNA MARIA,	b. July 2, 1816.	213
II.	THOMAS EDWARD,	b. July 29, 1817.	214
III.	JAMES,	b. July 29, 1820.	215
IV.	HARRIET STRONG,	b. May 20, 1822; d. 1824.	216
V.	HARRIET STRONG,	b. Aug 14, 1824.	217
VI.	ELLEN ELIZABETH,	b. July 10, 1830.	218

116. ALFRED CURTIS, fifth son of Philip 2d, born 1793; married his cousin Ann Curtis, daughter of Charles Curtis, of Boston, April 16, 1820. She died April 23, 1822. Second wife Mary Bowers, of Charlestown, February 26, 1824.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	ANN,	b. Aug. 27, 1821.	219
II.	ALFRED,	b. March 2, 1826.	220
III.	ALFRED ALEXANDER,	b. Feb. 13, 1828.	221
IV.	PHILIP HENRY,	b. Sept. 21, 1829.	222
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VI.	GEORGE EDWARD,	b. Aug. 27, 1833.	224
VII.	DANIEL WEBSTER,	b. June 21, 1837.	225

118. RUFUS CURTIS, sixth son of Philip Curtis, 2d, born 1800; married Cynthia Morse, of Sharon.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

## I. MARTHA MORSE.

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138. JOSEPH CURTIS, 3d, son of Joseph, born 1803, at Jamaica Plain; married Sept. 25, 1825, Mary Ellis Hartshorn, of Roxbury. He died in Boston, April 12, 1830, aged 27.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I. MARY HARTSHORN, b. Feb. 28, 1827.	227
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140. HERMAN CURTIS, second son of Joseph, born 1806. On the death of his elder brother Joseph, took the name of Joseph Herman. He married Maria, daughter of Charles Curtis, of Boston, March 20, 1832.

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I. JOSEPH HERMAN, b. Jan. 8, 1833.	228
II. CHARLES FREDERICK, b. April 9, 1837.	229

141. GEORGE CURTIS, third son of Joseph Curtis, 2d, born 1809, took the name of George Scarborough Curtis, in 1837; married Sarah Eleanora Bradbury, of Vergennes, Vt., December 30, 1851.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I. GEORGE BRADBURY,	b. Nov. 8, 1852.	230
II. JOSEPH BRADBURY,	b. April 29, 1855.	231
III. BETHIA ELLEN BRADBURY,	b. Mar. 6, 1857.	232
IV. FRANCES HARRIET BRADBURY,	b. Sept. 19, 1859.	233

144. BENJAMIN CURTIS, 3d, son of Benjamin, was a shipmaster; married Lois Robbins, of Watertown.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I. BENJAMIN ROBBINS, born November 10, 1810. Harvard College 1829. Studied law with C. P. Curtis, of Boston. Was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, but resigned after a short term of office. Married, first, Eliza Woodward; second, Anna Wroe Curtis.	234
II. GEORGE TICKNOR, b. Nov. 28, 1812. Harvard College 1830. Studied law.	235

160. NATHANIEL CURTIS, 3d, son of Nathaniel, born 1798. Harvard College 1818, settled in Boston; married Emily Matilda, daughter of Fitch Hall, of Medford, Dec. 22, 1822.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	FRANCES LOUISA,	b. Dec. 14, 1824 ; m. Charles Mixter, of Boston, 1848.	236
II.	NATHANIEL WILLIAM,	b. June 24, 1826 ; m. Sally J. Scull, of Philadelphia, 1856.	237
III.	EMILY HALL,	b. d. 1834.	238
IV.	HALL,	b. July 7, 1834.	239

191. CHARLES PELHAM CURTIS, born 1792. Harvard College 1811. Studied law and settled in Boston; married, in 1815, Anna Wroe Scollay, of Boston. Mrs. Curtis died Oct. 25, 1845. Second wife, Mrs. Margaret (Stevenson) McKean. Mr. Curtis died Oct. 4, 1864, aged 72.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	ANNA WROE,	b. Dec. 1816 ; m. B. R. Curtis, of Boston, 1846. Died April 14, 1860, aged 43.	240
II.	KATHERINE SCOLLAY,	b. March 1, 1821 ; m. June 13, 1841, W. W. Greenough, of Boston.	241
III.	CHARLES PELHAM,	b. July 29, 1824. Harvard College 1845. Is a lawyer; m. Caroline Carey, 1852.	242
IV.	HERBERT PELHAM,	b. May 27, 1830. Harvard College 1851. Lawyer and author. Second Lieutenant 1st Mass. Cavalry 1861, Adjutant 1862, Captain 1864, discharged 1865.	243
V.	THOMAS JAMES,	b. Oct. 9, 1831. Harvard College 1852. Is a merchant in Australia.	244

192. THOMAS BUCKMINSTER CURTIS, born in 1795. U. S. Navy, war of 1812; afterwards a merchant in Boston. Married, in 1824, Maria O., daughter of Daniel Sargent, of Boston; second wife, Laura Greenough, of Boston, 1838.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	DANIEL SARGENT,	b. Nov. 9, 1825.	245
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194. JAMES FREEMAN CURTIS, born 1797; U. S. Navy in 1812; was in the action off Boston, between the Chesapeake and Shannon; then in the Constitution with Stewart, when he took the Cyane and Levant. After the war, Lieut. Curtis led a boat expedition in the West Indies, against the pirates in the Isle of Pines, when their strong-hold was taken by assault. About 1824, he left the service for the mercantile marine. Afterwards Superintendent of Dover Cotton Mills. Then first Superintendent of the Boston and Worcester Railroad, in which service he was accidentally killed, April 13, 1839. "He died in possession of the confidence of the community, and the love of all who knew him." He married, in 1824, Isabella, daughter of William Stevenson, of Boston.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

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VIII.	ANNA SCOLLAY,	b. 1838; d. 1854.	261

195. MARTHA ANN CURTIS, born 1799; married, March 18, 1829, Doct. J. G. Stevenson, of Boston. She died March, 1866, aged 67.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	MARTHA STEVENSON,	b. 1830.	262
II.	JOHN GORHAM STEVENSON,	b. 1832; d. young.	263
III.	FRANCES CURTIS STEVENSON,	b. 1834.	264
IV.	ANNA BRUCE STEVENSON,	b. 1836.	265

162. HENRY CURTIS, only son of Henry Bass Curtis, born 1803; married Rebecca Lessington, daughter of Otis Everett, of Boston, December 4, 1828.

## CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION.

I.	ELIZABETH EVERETT,	b. Oct. 3, 1829; d. 1853.	266
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178. GEORGE JAMES CURTIS, son of Charles, born 1814; married his cousin Matilda Curtis Coolidge, of Boston, 1835. He died at Aiken, South Carolina, 1850.

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I. GEORGE WILLIAM,	b. Sept. 23, 1846.	271
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## CURTIS FAMILIES IN ENGLAND.

[From Burke's Landed Gentry.]

HERBERT MASCALL CURTIES, of Windmill Hill, County Sussex, late  
M. P. for Rye, born January, 1823.

*Lineage.*—Stephen Curties, of Appledore, County Kent, was  
great grand-father of Thomas Curties of Appledore, 1527.

Francis Savage Curtis, Esq., of East Cliffe House, County Devon,  
born July, 1836, grandson of Sir William Curtis, Bart., County  
Middlesex. Mr. Curtis died in 1844, and his widow married, in  
1848, William Winthrop, Esq., of Massachusetts.

**ARMS OF THIS FAMILY.**—Ermine, a chevron sable, between  
three fleurs des lis, or.

**CREST.** An arm embowed, in mail, holding p. p. r. a  
scimetar, arg.

**MOTTO.** “*Velle bene facere.*”

In the Parish Church in Brington, in Northamptonshire, near  
the seat of Earl Spencer, many of the Washington family are  
buried. In the Parish Register is the following entry:

1620. Mr. Philip Curtis and Miss Amy Washington were  
married August 8.

Amy Washington was sister of John Washington who emigrated  
to Virginia in 1657, accompanied by his brother Lawrence.  
This John Washington was the grandfather of George Washington,  
first President of the United States.—*Historical Magazine*,  
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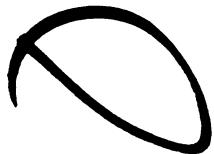
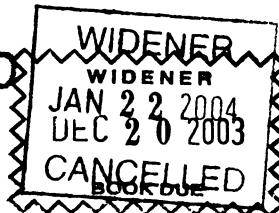


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